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KENYON DRAMATIC CLUB PRESENTS EUGENE O'NEIL DRAMA

One Act Farce Completes The Program

Wednesday evening, April 10, 1935, the Dramatic Club presented two one act plays in Nu Pi Kappa Hall. The Club has been very active this year and this is the second production of the current year. Another is being planned for Commencement Week; a play entitled 'Spring Time for Henry' will be presented by the Dramatic Club in connection with the graduation exercises.

The first play presented Wednesday evening was one of Eugene O'Neill's first Dramas, entitled, 'Where the Cross is Made,' directed by Drs. W. R. Ashford, C. M. Coffin, and P. W. Timberlake. The players were:

Nat Bartlett, Frank T. Jones '35
Dr. Higgins, R. W. McDonald, '35
Sue Bartlett, Miss Marlon Nelson
Captain Bartlett, John Alberts '37
Zombies:
Jimmy Kanaka, David J. Watson, '38
Silas Horne, Ralph H. Weeks, '37
Gates The Bos'un

John H. Tappen, '38
Mr. Jones interpreted his role superbly, and the tense, dramatic interest of a sailor going mad before the eyes of the audience, was heightened and drawn to its final dramatic climax through Mr. Jones' acting. The cast ably supported the leading role. Mr. Alberts, in the person of Captain Bartlett, gave an excellent performance. In fact, the whole cast was very good and gave a very enjoyable show.

The second play 'Free Speech' by William L. Prosser, is a one act farce. It was directed by Mr. Jones and readily proved his ability as a director as well as an actor. The cast included:

Corporal, John K. Widmer, '38
Prisoner, Robert W. Mueller, '36
Nikolai, John W. Bingham, '37
Sergius, John W. Lehrer, '37
Boris, Frederick Doepeke, '38
Feodor, Newell A. Lasher, '35
Ivan, Joseph P. Devine, '38

'Free Speech' was a roaring good farce, contrasting well with the dramatic tenseness of the first play of the evening. Perhaps the most enjoyable characterization of the play was Nikolai, caricaturing Hitler and acted by John Bingham. Bob Mueller gave an excellent interpretation of an American caught in an absurd position and extricating himself by clever thinking. Here again the honors were too evenly divided to single out any one character for praise. However the freshmen of the two casts showed marked ability and gave promise of a Dramatic Club of note next year.

The property men were as follows:

Stage Manager, Edmund Danridge, '37.

Property Manager, Ralph H. Weeks, '37.

Lighting, Jonathan A. Wolcott, '38.
Makeup, Gustav Ahlbrandt, '38.
These are the men behind the scenes and it is due to them that the plays went off as smoothly as they did.

NOTES FROM A TIRED ALUMNUS

(From Alumni Bulletin)

Many Kenyon alumni, remembering the good old days when Kenyon could hope to defeat Reserve, Case, Wooster, and, occasionally, Ohio State at football, are pretty tired of having a consistently losing team year after year. We all know that there is a keen competition among colleges for eligible football material. Most schools offer scholarships and opportunities for work, so that a man who needs help can get it.

The purists in athletic circles have frowned on this idea, but in the last few months schools like Dartmouth, Cornell and others have openly faced the problem, with influential alumni insisting that there was nothing wrong in helping an athlete who did first-class scholastic work.

At Kenyon, in the past, I believe it has been possible for boys to earn some money by working on the college publications. At least, in other colleges, it's a common thing to actually pay editors, business managers, etc. If that's the case, I see no great difference in paying them for what they are doing for their college as compared with offering an athlete some kind of assistance.

Most colleges are located in larger communities, which offer boys many opportunities for work. In Gambier, the only work available must be provided by the college. The College does have a number of jobs which might be used in this way. Waiters, janitors, work in the laboratory, library, offices, and grounds would provide certain opportunities for needy boys. It seems that a certain number of these positions should be used to induce boys of good character and of good scholastic ability, and certain activity ability, to come to Kenyon.

A consistently losing football team is a vicious thing in many ways. It breaks down the whole morale of the College, and I think that a fairly good representation in athletics at Kenyon would stimulate better work on the part of students and the faculty. In offering some help to needy boys, keep in mind that one of the difficulties in operating schools in small communities is the matter of providing clean wholesome entertainment, and interest for the student body. Good athletic teams, good music, good dramatics, and good publications

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PRESIDENT THWING GIVES ADDRESS

Talks On College Experiences

On Thursday evening, April 4, Dr. Charles Thwing President Emeritus of Western Reserve University, gave an informal address to a small but very interested group. Dr. Thwing had no particular topic, but his main interest lay in presenting to the students what they should carry away from college and in impressing upon the professors their part in making this possible. Dr. Thwing's remarks were based upon his own experiences gained through lifelong contact with both professors and students.

The first point discussed by Dr. Thwing was a beautiful memory. He gave four illustrations of this; the Golden Gate at the University of California, the view from the library to Cayuga Lake at Cornell, and at Williams the Birkshires and the memory of Mark Hopkins. The last, but to us not the least, was Kenyon, which had a memory unexcelled by any other institution of learning. Its history, great men, architecture, and natural beauty, produced a memory whose value can not be estimated.

The second point stressed by Dr. Thwing was health. Every college man, according to Dr. Thwing, should leave college with the assurance of good health. Good food and drink at regular times, regular hours of sleep, and the proper amount of exercise are the foundations for a healthy mind and body. He stated however that these were sadly lacking in the average student's life.

Dr. Thwing laid great stress upon the ability of the college student to think. Both men and women graduating from college should be used to hard work. A college student through the medium of this intellectual toiling should be able to think hard, forcefully, and truthfully. In this connection Dr. Thwing illustrated his statement with an experience which he had while attending a meeting at John's Hopkins University, which President Franklin D. Roosevelt also attended. He stated that the President's classmates had much less regard for the thinking ability of the President, than those farther removed from him. He attributed this to the fact that the President had not developed one of the greatest possibilities which college had to offer.

The ability to cope with complex problems is more necessary today than it has ever been and for this reason the world is looking for people with the ability to think.

The last point which Dr. Thwing presented was truth which he considered the greatest of all the virtues which a person should gain at College. Dr. Thwing stated that so many of us were unable to see the truth and that a reverence for God

PLANS MADE FOR HIGH SCHOOL WEEK-END ON APRIL 27TH

was one of the greatest factors in developing truth. Speaking of Kenyon students, Dr. Thwing said, "Those who go forth from this sky-kissing hill, should go forth with a reverence for God."

Dr. Thwing did not go into great detail as to the part which the professor played in producing these qualities. He stated, however, that the professor should not only possess knowledge, but also character, and the ability to show the student how to acquire those many virtues, which a college graduate should possess.

EAST WING WINS SWIMMING MEET

Middle Hanna In Second Place

East Wing, aided by the efforts of Bill Thomas and Miles Geringer, established itself king of the water in the recent meet held in Mt. Vernon. The former won the back stroke race, and the latter placed in both free style events. Adding to this the relay, East Wing was almost able to double the score of their nearest competitor, Middle Hanna.

The results of each race were:
FREE STYLE SHORT RACE: Sebach, Geringer, Ehle, and Durbin and Matthews (tied for fourth).
FREE STYLE LONG RACE: Sebach, Geringer, Matthews, Eagon.
BACK STROKE: Thomas, Durbin, Boyd, Thackery.
BREAST STROKE: Bingham, Thomas, Boren, Shorkey.
RELAY: E. W.; S. L.; M. L.; W. W. (Middle Hanna disqualified).

This result gave the meet to East Wing as already stated, and furnished the other divisions with the following points:

East Wing	49
Middle Hanna	28½
South Leonard	9
Middle Leonard	7
West Wing	7
South Hanna	5½

COLLEGE RECEIVES PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE

The Honorable Stephen M. Young, representative at large from Ohio, has recently sent to the Kenyon College Library a letter containing the autograph of President Franklin D. Roosevelt to add to the collection of presidential signatures bequeathed to the college by Bishop Leonard and completed by his niece Miss Sullivan.

The collection is of special interest because in almost every case the autograph follows a letter or document which is of interest apart from the signature.

Flying And Riding Exhibitions Planned

The annual High School Week-End will be held this year on Saturday and Sunday, April 27th and 28th. All possible efforts are being made to make this year's event an outstanding success.

Saturday morning will be given over to the registration of guests and Alumni. As has been the custom this registration will take place at the Commons. The actual program for the week-end begins with luncheon at 12:15 p. m. Contrary to the usual custom no plans have been made for a speaker at this meal. The President of the College will welcome the guests and the rest of the time will be devoted to singing by the college. Several interesting events have been scheduled for the afternoon. There will be a demonstration in the Physics Laboratory and also one in the Aeronautics laboratory. There will be an opportunity for the guests to visit the airport and see the training ships in action. Captain Eberle has made plans for an exhibition of riding by the troupe and a few chuckers of polo will be played. These exhibitions will be held on the new field near the drill hall. The annual baseball game between the visitors and the freshman class has also been scheduled.

Dinner is to be served at 6:00 p. m. and will be followed by a social hour in the lounge. The Fraternity singing is to start at 7:30. In this competition each chapter will sing two of its fraternity songs. Smokers in the various chapter parlors will complete the first day's program.

On Sunday the chapel service will be at the regular hour. The sermon will be preached by Leland Danforth '20 of Kenilworth, Ill. The week-end will be officially over with dinner at 1 o'clock on Sunday.

CLEVELAND QUARTET TO GIVE CONCERT

Thursday evening the second of May has been chosen as the date for the eighth annual concert of the Cleveland String Quartet. This recital will be held in the Great Hall of the Commons at eight-thirty o'clock.

For the past seven years these concerts have been a source of enjoyment not only to the students of the college but to all the music lovers of the vicinity. The generosity of Mr. Frank H. Ginn '90, Alumnus and Trustee of the college, has made these concerts possible. All are very cordially invited to attend.

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The Senior Council and the Executive Committee have been taking steps to improve conditions in and around the college dormitories. The Executive Committee has lately organized as a Grounds Committee in order that suggestions and complaints may be brought to the attention of the proper authorities. The Senior Council held a meeting a short while ago at which they presented a list of suggestions to the Supervising Engineer of the College. These suggestions included criticism of the janitor service and a request that the grounds around the dormitories be cleaned more frequently.

From these actions it would seem that the desire of the students was to make the college a cleaner place in which to live. Regardless of the efforts of the college authorities they will be powerless to bring about any improvement without the cooperation of the students. Events of the past few weeks have made it clear that this cooperation is lacking. The increase in the breakage of windows in the dormitories, and the resulting broken glass about the buildings, is one of the most noticeable evidences of this lack of spirit of cooperation. The practice of throwing trash out of the dormitory windows is one which greatly increases the difficulty of the task of keeping the campus cleaned up. It seems to us that with a little thoughtfulness and care on the part of the student body we could improve conditions to such an extent that it would be at least possible for those employed by the college to keep the campus presentable.

NOTES FROM A TIRED ALUMNUS

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 1) would supply this. I can see many of our best minds among the alumni boiling over at the idea that Kenyon should offer any help to athletes. These men forget, or do not know, the fact that every school we compete with does this same thing so that we take what's left, after they have had their pick.

Better football, better basketball, and better tennis would have a great effect, not only in producing better work from the boys on the Hill, but would attract more ambitious, more wholesome and harder working students.

Here's another thing—many interested Kenyon Alumni are tired, both of the type of lecturers secured for the school, and of the interest shown by the student body. Why not have a committee consisting of the Dean and professors (membership to be changed annually), a representative of the student body, and an interested alumnus, who would select all lectures supplied by the College? Suggestions could be solicited from the faculty and student body, and if the plan didn't provide worth while lectures, it could easily be changed. It's really a disgrace to see the small number of students who turn out to most of the lectures. They complain that there are too many lectures of one sort, or that the lectures are not interesting. That may be true but, on the other hand, there are not many outside cultural opportunities at Gambier, and the lecturers should be carefully selected and generously attended.

And another thing—I am tired of hearing that the course of instruction at Kenyon should be kept as it was fifty years ago. It would be interesting to find out how many Kenyon men go into professions and how many go into business. I would think that the big majority of the men go into business. If that's the case, it seems that the course of instruction should be overhauled and the men offered, not business college course, but college courses that would be helpful to them in business. The path of the small college is going to be difficult, but it would not be difficult if

we could develop men who really understood the principles of psychology and economics as used in business. It seems to me that there is as much cultural advantage in learning to speak a language as there is to studying grammar. There is as much cultural advantage in a course of economics that actually tells you why people buy things, as there is in some of the economics courses which we studied in the past, and the principles of which perhaps we question now. There is as much culture involved in writing first-class advertisements as there is in writing a theme entitled, "My Most Exciting Experience."

Let's criticize Kenyon! Let's try to shake things up! Let's see if we can't vitalize the life of the students and the professors and turn out men better equipped for today's battle. Signed—1912
—Alumni Bulletin

ALUMNI NOTES

The Rev. Harold Morse, '92 Bexley, recently resigned as rector of Grace Church, Merchantville, N. J., has been elected Rector Emeritus of the Parish.

The Rev. Lewis Brown, '82, Bexley, '87 B. D., resigned as rector of St. Paul's Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, after a rectorship of thirty-five years.

The Living Church, March 2, 1935, displays on the front cover a painting by the Rev. Dr. John Cole McKim, '04, described on page 260. On page 264 of this issue is a poem by Elwood Lindsay Haines, "Lines to Boyd Vincent."

The Living Church, March 16, 1935, gives pictures on the cover and on page 334 of St. Paul's Church, Canton, Ohio, of which the Rev. Dr. Herman S. Sidener, '21, is the Rector, and prints an account of the dedication of new Memorials by Bishop Rogers. President Peirce is preaching at St. Paul's Church, Canton, on Sunday morning, March 24.

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Cordially,
Cheney.

P. S. By the way, "Post," don't forget to bring your guns. They do make the cutest decorations, don't they. And maybe I can dig up some old swords, and stuff.

Gambier, Ohio.

Dear Cheney:

Yours of the 28th to hand and contents noted. I, of course, am very desirous of rooming with you. You know, I've always admired you, old man, and I think that if we could room together (just the two of us), it would be peachy. I shall make arrangements to move over in the not too distant future. Maybe I can even get some of the boys over here to help me move the stuff.

Cordially,
"Post"

P. S. Come on down Sunday morning before chapel and I'll have a surprise for you.

In a short meeting Wednesday afternoon, Dr. Radford was unanimously elected advisor of the "Hunting and Fishing Club," Kenyon Chapter, No. 65983. Dr. Radford is the first faculty member to be chosen for this honor and in a short quotation to the United Press he expressed his enthusiasm and gratitude.

"I think it was swell of the boys to elect me advisor and I'm sure tickled, believe me. We are already planning a very extensive spring campaign, both in angling and with the rifle. The club has ordered 2 dozen traps which will be used for mink and small weasel in the near-by streams. The boys tell me that these furry beasts abound in a section of the country commonly known as the "Hollow of McGugin."

A certain Mount Vernon newspaper has the "guts" to state that on Saturday last, there were reports that certain Kenyon men had been drinking. That, fellow students, is nothing more nor less than grounds for libel.

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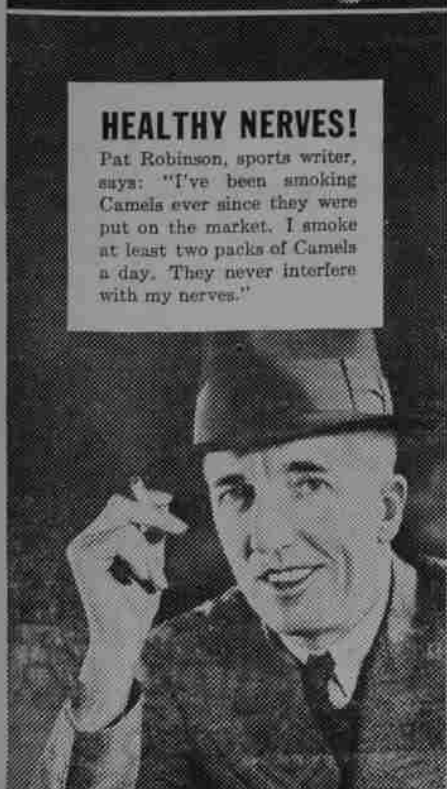
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OUT IN YONKERS

With the coming of spring, many a Kenyon man's thoughts have lightly turned to baseball, as evidenced by the throngs that inhabit the space between Leonard and Hanna Halls each day. Fungo batting seems to be the main diversion there, and foremost in this art is Jack Sammon. On one occasion, Jack hit a ball onto the roof of Old Kenyon and later placed his hits in various directions as requested.

All of this brought up a discussion of place-hitting in baseball, a most-important phase of the game which has been neglected with the advent of the lively ball. Ty Cobb was probably the greatest place-hitter who ever lived, and once was called upon to prove his ability.

It was during batting practice one day when a man of the opposing team asked Cobb to place a hit down the left-field line. This Cobb promptly did, the pellet falling within a foot of the chalk. Then Cobb was asked to produce a similar hit to right field, which he did. Then, after hitting a ball directly to center field, he hit a foul into the opposing team's dugout, which barely missed hitting the man who was asking Cobb to do all the place-hitting. After that there was little doubt as to whether place-hitting was possible.

There were no correct answers sent in to our baseball problem of last month, so the one we offer this time is easier, in the hopes that someone wins that automatic notetaker. Here is the situation: A team succeeds in driving out six hits in one inning. Three of the hits are triples, yet not a single run is scored. Simple?

With Kenyon's prep school tournament not far off, it is a natural thing to wonder whether Frankie Parker, wizard of the net who is the fourth-ranking player in the country, will participate. Frankie is still in school and would be eligible to exhibit his lobs and drives at Gambier; but whether or not he will be here is problematical. It would be a great boom for Kenyon should Parker chose to enter this tournament, for his power as a drawing-card is well-known and many people would be attracted to Gambier, who otherwise would not attend.

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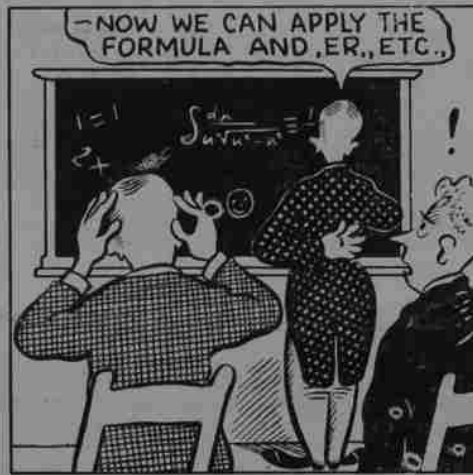
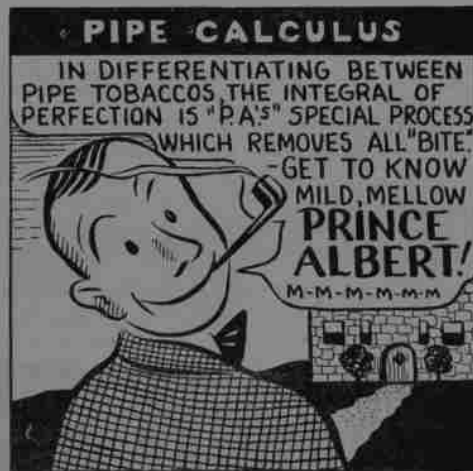
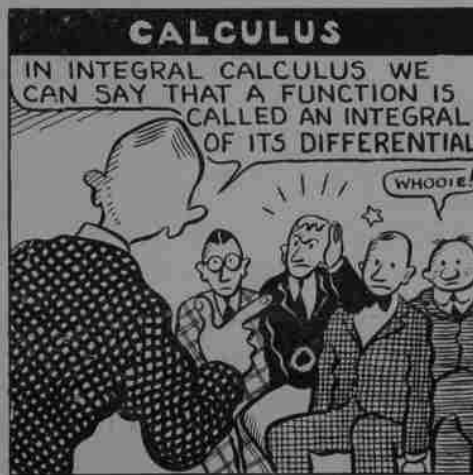
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